

Sub Divisional Officers (Civil)

The duties of the Sub Divisional Officer (Civil) within his Sub Division are almost similar to those of the Deputy Commissioner within his district. In all matters of administration, he has to be the Deputy Commissioner's principal agent. He is also in charge of various development activities going on in the Sub Division and is also responsible for co-ordinating the work of various departments. For that he has to tour the area to keep a watch on the development activities, the revenue administration as also the law & Order situation in his Sub Division. Besides this he has to look after the grievances of the public and to attend to the problems arising out of the natural calamities. He supervises the work of Revenue agency in the Sub Division. There is no denying the fact that the job of a Sub Divisional Officer (civil) is independent in character to some extent. He is primarily responsible for everything that happens within his jurisdiction and must accordingly take his decisions to a large extent, independently. Sub Divisional Officer (civil) is conferred with various powers under the land revenue and tenancy acts. He also acts as Assistant Collector under the Punjab Land Revenue Act and Punjab Tenancy Act. He is also the appellate authority in cases decided by his subordinate revenue officers. The Executive Magistrate placed by the State Government as in charge of the Sub Division is termed as the Sub Divisional Magistrate Under section 20(4) Cr.p.c. and under section 23 Cr.P.C. the Sub divisional Officer like other Executive Magistrates of the District is subordinate to the District Magistrate and is responsible for the maintenance of law and order within the limits of his local jurisdiction. He enjoys very wide powers under section 107/151,109,110,133,144, and 145 Cr.P.C. etc. He also hears court cases under these sections.